

WIND ON THE WIRES: Responses to Questions posted to Michigan Energy Forum Website

13. What affect did Michigan's requirement that renewable energy be built in a defined geographic area have? What job growth is attributable to that requirement? What cost, reliability, and environmental impacts are attributable?

The Michigan renewable energy standard provides incentives for using Michigan Equipment and Labor in an effort to create jobs and economic development in the state. The PSC has broken down the economic and jobs impacts for Michigan, and found an investment of \$1.79 billion within Michigan. (Michigan PSC, *Report on the Implementation of the PA 295 Renewable Energy Standard and the Cost-Effectiveness of the energy Standards* at 21 (2/12/2013)). The PSC is also conducting a job survey and the results are expected to be available later this year. The PSC is "confident that MI has the potential to become a regional leader in the development and manufacturing of renewable energy systems." (*Id.* at 22).

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